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In re Patent Application of

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Application No.: 10/665,905

Filed: September 15, 2003

For:

METHOD AND MEANS FOR MANAGING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN LOCAL AND REMOTE OBJECTS IN AN OBJECT

ORIENTED CLIENT SERVER
SYSTEM IN WHICH A CLIENT
APPLICATION INVOKES A LOCAL
OBJECT AS A PROXY FOR A

REMOTE

MAIL STOP PETITIONS

Group Art Unit: 2109

Examiner: JASON D. RECEK

Confirmation No.: 7036

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3) TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 26, 2007, Applicants petition to accept the unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 in this application.

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/172,942 filed on October 14, 1998.

It is noted that the benefit claim was identified by the original Transmittal Letter and Declaration, and acknowledged by the Official Filing Receipt.

The entire delay between the date the claim was due and the date of this petition was unintentional.

12/27/2007 SZEWDIE1 00000064 10665905 02 FC:1454 1410.00 OP This petition is accompanied by an Amendment inserting the reference required under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2) into the application, and a credit card authorization for the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(t).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21, that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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